## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In re:

Case No. 18-03197-FPC

GIGA WATT, INC.,

Debtor-in-Possession,

MARK D. WALDRON, in his capacity as the duly-appointed Chapter 7 Trustee,

Adversary No. 20-80031-FPC

Plaintiff,

**NOTICE TO COURT** 

v.

PERKINS COIE LLP, a Washington limited liability partnership, LOWELL NESS, individual and California resident, GIGA WATT PTE., LTD., a Singapore corporation, ANDREY KUZENNY, individual and Russian citizen, TIMUR USMANOV, individual and Russian citizen,

Defendants,

- and -

THE GIGA WATT PROJECT, a partnership,

Nominal Defendant

PERKINS COIE, LLP, a Washington limited liability partnership; LOWELL NESS,

Third-Party Defendants

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VS.

JUN DAM, Individually and as Representative of a Class of Similarly Situated Token Purchasers

Third-Party Defendant.

United States Bankruptcy Judge Frederick P. Corbit referred this Adversary Proceeding to the undersigned for the purpose of conducting a settlement conference on July 19, 2022, at ECF No. 98. The undersigned entered an Order on October 10, 2022, at ECF No. 119, setting a scheduled mediation in Seattle.

Prior to the mediation, the below signed engaged with Defendant Perkins Coie LLP ("Perkins"), Plaintiff Mark D. Waldron in his capacity the Chapter 7 Trustee (the "Estate"), and Jun Dam, Individually and as Representative of a Class of Similarly Situated Token Purchasers (the "Class") and their counsel to understand the positions and objectives of each, as well as determining what issues may preclude a global agreement between Perkins and the Estate, Perkins and the Class, and the Estate and the Class.

The Parties met in Seattle on January 20, 2023, to discuss settlement of this matter, and significant progress was made towards a global agreement. While no agreement was finalized at the settlement conference, the efforts continued in the months that followed. Rarely does a party get everything it wants and the below signed was optimistic that the Parties would resolve their issues and embrace an imperfect resolution rather than resign themselves to further litigation.

However, as the discussions continued, progress towards a global agreement stalled and the undersigned's optimism waned. On Friday, April 28, 2023, it became apparent to the below signed that his efforts would not be successful. On Sunday, April 30, 2023, the below signed advised the Parties that his efforts would cease.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Collectively, the "Parties."

Accordingly, the undersigned notifies the Court that the mediation was unsuccessful.

Dated May 2, 2023,

BY THE COURT:

Hon. Benjamin P. Hursh

United States Bankruptcy Court

District of Montana